

**PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)**

Proposed Action Title/Type: Well Maintenance and Interpretation

NEPA # AZ-210-05-066

Location of Proposed Action: T11N, R3E, Sections 20 SWSW Lot 13, Yavapai County

Description of Proposed Action: Clean out historic well, about 30 inches deep, by using the services of a drilling company and cap the well. This will curtail safety and hazardous conditions and will maintain water quality. This site will be interpreted and visitor services information will be added to this site. There may be a need to establish vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow patterns. Minimal vegetation will be affected with these actions. Maintenance to maintain facilities will occur on a yearly basis as identified in the annual work plan. **The AFNM archaeologist will be on site with the contractor. A secure cap will be placed on the well.**

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: **Name of Plan:** Phoenix Resource Management Plan (1988) and the provisions of the Monument Proclamation.

Interim Management Policy for Bureau of Land Management National Monuments and National Conservation Areas (BLM Instruction Memorandum 2002-008). AFNM was established to protect archaeological resources, to protect semi-desert grassland, and other biological resources.

Date This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM Manual 1601.04.C.2).

PART II - CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. Verification of Listing: This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under Department Manual (DM) 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 _____ (CX#) OR 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. G-[4] Placement of recreational or information signs, registers, kiosks....

And

B. Exception Review: 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 provides for the review of the following criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project.

IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should determine exception, comment and initial for concurrence. If exceptions apply to the action or project, and existing NEPA documentation does not address the exception, then further NEPA analysis is required.

CRITERIA COMMENT (yes/no) STAFF INITIAL

1. Has significant adverse effects on public health and safety.	No	
2. Adversely affects unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior National Register of Natural Landmarks.	No	
3. Has highly controversial environmental effects.	No	
4. Has highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involves unique or unknown environmental risks.	No	
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future action with potentially significant environmental effects.	No	
6. Is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	No	
7. Adversely affects properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic places.	No	
8. Affects a species listed or proposed to be listed in the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or adversely affects the species critical habitat.	No	
9. Requires compliance with Executive Order 11988 Flood Plain Management, 11990 Protection for Wetlands, or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	No	
10. Threatens to violate a Federal, State, local, or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment	No	

PART III - SIGNATURES FOR COMPLIANCE

PREPARER: Mary Skordinsky

DATE: June 2, 2005

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST:

DATE:

PART IV - DECISION. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:

The well-drilling company will:

Work on-site with the archaeologist assigned to the Agua Fria National Monument

Clean out the Teskey Historic Well

All contents of well which are not of an historic/cultural nature will be properly disposed of.

Cap the well by a secure means to protect Monument visitors

Reduce impact to soils and vegetation as much as is practical.

APPROVING OFFICIAL:

DATE:

